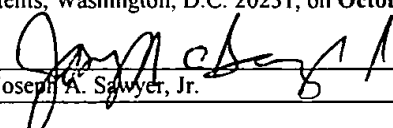


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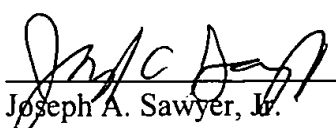
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- 1) Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97
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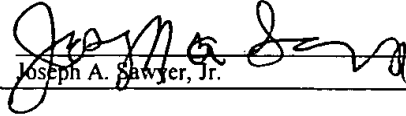
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted:

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___ With the application; accordingly, no fee or separate requirements are required.

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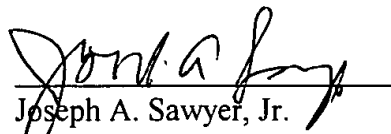
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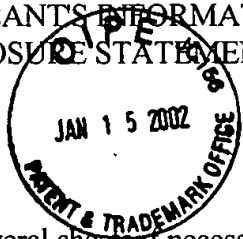
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